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In re the Application of: **Tadayuki KAMEYAMA et al.**

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For: **POLARIZING MEMBER, OPTICAL MEMBER AND LIQUID-CRYSTAL
DISPLAY DEVICE**

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION and
ELECTION OF SPECIES REQUIREMENTS

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Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action of April 29, 2003, requiring restriction between two alleged inventions under provisions of 35 USC § 121.

In the Office Action, restriction was required between Group I, claims 1 through 16, drawn to a polarizing member, classified in class 349, subclass 96+; and Group II, claim 17, drawn to a polymer material layer, classified in class 520, subclass 1+.

Applicants hereby elect Group I, claims 1 through 16, for examination on the merits in this application. This election is made without traverse, it being understood that the applicant's rights to the filing of a divisional application directed to the non-elected subject matter under 35 USC 120 and 35 USC 121 are retained.

Further, in the Office Action, election was required between several patentably distinct species, (i) a first embodiment in which the polymer material is purified (claim 9), (ii) a second

embodiment in which a migration layer is disposed (claims 10-14) and (iii) a third embodiment in which the extraordinary refractive index area has a length not smaller than 20 microns (claims 1-8 and 15-16).

Applicants hereby provisionally elect the third embodiment in which the extraordinary refractive index area has a length not smaller than 20 microns (claims 1-8 and 15-16) for examination on the merits in this application. Applicants also reserve the right to file one or more divisional applications directed to the subject matter of the non-elected claims.

In the event that this paper is not timely filed, applicants hereby petition for an appropriate extension of time. The fee for any such extension may be charged to our Deposit Account No. 01-2340.

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